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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at 12 p.m.

## Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, a Senator from the State of Connecticut.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose presence is the source of our strength, as we return from Memorial Day recess, we pause to thank You for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy. Please hold all our service men and women in Your strong arms, protecting them from dangers seen and unseen. Bless the families of our servicemembers, fill their lives with Your peace and provision, strengthening them to trust in Your mighty power to sustain them.

Help our Senators this day to live lives worthy of Your goodness and grace. May they discover that real fulfillment comes when they seek to glorify You. Place Your hand on the Senators' shoulders today, reminding them that You are with them and will guide them.

We pray in Your great Name.  
Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, June 4, 2012.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, a Senator from the State of Connecticut, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,  
*President pro tempore.*

Mr. BLUMENTHAL thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT— MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 410, S. 3220.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to S. 3220, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are now on the motion to proceed to this measure called the Paycheck Fairness Act. At 5 p.m. this afternoon the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Timothy Hillman to be U.S. District Judge for Massachusetts. There will be 30 minutes of debate at that time led by Senator LEAHY. At 5:30 p.m., there will be a rollcall vote on confirmation of the Hillman nomination.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—  
S.J. RES. 41

Mr. REID. Mr. President, S.J. Res. 41 is at the desk and now due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the joint resolution by title for the second time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 41) expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would object to any further proceedings with respect to this joint resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, back in 1963, when Congress passed the Equal Pay Act, women at that time were working year-round and took home about 59 cents for every dollar paid to their male coworkers doing the same job. While passage of that landmark legislation helped narrow the pay gap, today American women still only take home 77 cents on the dollar compared to their male colleagues for doing the exact same job.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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